GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education – In-principal approval to authorize the finalization of the terms and conditions and entering into Supplementary agreement with Education Testing Services (ETS) for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Senior Exams and certification for Class - XI and XII Government school students – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.72 Dated: 14.08.2023.
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.57, School Education (Prog.II) Department, dated:21.06.2023.
2. From GA (Cabinet) Department, U.O.No.207/2023, dt.14.07.2023.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government approved the proposal for entering into agreement for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination and certification of the students from Classes 3rd to 9th, by which the students will have the opportunity to be assessed on listening and reading skills in English and students of Class 10th to be assessed on English speaking skills. The G.O. has directed the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha to take necessary action to enter into agreement with Education Testing Services (ETS) and get the program implemented through State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT).

2. Government have observed that the students of Classes 11th and 12th learning curves would further improve if they pursued TOEFL Senior certification, in addition to the present activities undertaken by the department. In order to meet the visionary goal of Andhra Pradesh to assess the English

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Language proficiency among the students at the Government Schools of the State, selected students of Classes 11th and 12th will have the opportunity to be assessed on listening and speaking skills in English. The TOEFL Senior will assess the English Reading and Speaking skills of Class 11th and 12th students. This test is created to provide insight into the students' English communication skills. The TOEFL Senior (classes 11th and 12th) will enable the students in government schools, who are predominantly from marginalised backgrounds, confidence to speak and comprehend English with an internationally accepted proficiency and quality of pronunciation, while enhancing their ability to clear advanced English assessments required for access to foreign universities and employment.

3. Moreover, the students who are not going abroad and staying back within the state and country, it will enhance the quality of services they will be able to provide in the professional sector. High-quality English skills as proved through an internationally valid certificate is a sought-after qualification in the market. This will prove invaluable for improved quality of services in tourism catering to international and national tourists, hospitality, sales and customer relations, gig-economy and many other areas thus establishing Andhra Pradesh as a sought-after destination for setting up business operations as well as tourism. All the flagship tourism development and infrastructure development projects planned by the government will benefit from highly skilled and globally employable workforce in the future.

4. The tests are designed to (i) assess the academic and social English-language proficiency of young students; (ii) provide a snapshot of each student's ability in listening, reading and speaking and (iii) support teaching and learning by giving information about students' abilities in relation to a widely accepted international standard.

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5. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby in-principal approves, the proposal to finalize the terms and conditions and to enter into Supplementary agreement with ETS for TOEFL Senior Examination and certification for Class- XI and XII Government school students, in order to boost the current efforts of the Government in English language education. The method of funding, as proposed by Samagra Shiksha earlier for the Class 3rd -9th, same will be followed for class 11th and 12th from the available budget under the Learning Enhancement Program (LEP), an existing intervention, which may be utilised to fund this partnership and content procurement. The details of the **TOEFL SENIOR STUDENT SERIES** are as follows:

i) It will cover classes 11th and 12th.

ii) There will be one certified readiness test in end of the academic year (March) for class 11th.

iii) There will be one readiness test for class 12th in the mid-term or October and final certification test in class 12th Dec.

iv) The speaking test will be conducted for the 12th class selected students in Feb of the 12th class Academic Year (as per schedules for formative /summative assessments).

v) The final certification tests will be for top 10% students performers that will be set up based on cumulative performance in readiness tests.

vi) The Readiness tests will be jointly certified by SCERT and ETS while the final certification tests will be by ETS.

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vii) There can be specific periods assigned for TOEFL (to be scheduled and designed by SCERT) which may be labelled as TOEFL Preparatory Classes.

viii) TOEFL will be treated as a compulsory subject and weightage is given in the timetable - one period every day for each class from 11th and 12th in the next academic year of 2024-2025 and from the next academic year (2024-2025) onward classes will be conducted on alternate days in every week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Instead of the second Saturday, which is a non-working day, the session will be held on the second Friday.

ix) The proposed implementation for each grade in the current academic year and the progression is detailed in below tables.

The TOEFL Senior Students Series (SSS) - TOEFL Senior Package

Grade | AY	2024-25	2025-26
Students Next year in Grade 11	1. Preparatory Content and formative assessment throughout the year. 2. 1st Certified Readiness Test in end of AY'24-25'	1. Preparatory Content and formative assessment throughout the year 2. 2nd Certified Readiness Test in Oct of AY'25-26' 3. Final Senior Test in Dec of AY'25-26' 4. Speaking Test in Feb of AY '25-26'

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6. The Commissioner of Intermediate Education, the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha and the Director, SCERT shall take further necessary action accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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